



SOUTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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DDC NOTES – JULY 2008

DD Council Meeting held in July – The Council met via video-conference on July 15, 2008. The Council heard updates from state agencies on childcare services and transportation. Requests for proposals were issued for Partners in Policymaking, Year 17 and for Education and Training Mini Grants for FFY2009. The Council approved amendments to the State Plan based on projects funded and federal expectations.

Education & Training Mini-Grants for FFY2009 Available – The Council has issued a Request for Proposals for Mini-Grants (Less than \$5000) with a specific emphasis on projects that focus on dental services, employment of people with developmental disabilities, Individual Justice Planning, and assisting community recreation programs to become inclusive.

APPLICATIONS for PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING – Applications for Partners are available by contacting Sandy at SD Advocacy Services at 1-800-658-4782 or 605-224-8294. Deadline for submitting applications is September 15, 2008.

The following items may be of interest – inclusion in DDC Notes does not constitute endorsement by the Council.

AutismSpot.com is a FREE online resource for the global Autism Community. AutismSpot uses streaming video to provide the latest in education and information to the global Autism Community. This is the first unbiased, complete online community providing expert videos, blogs, forums and the latest news dedicated to the Autism Community.

Dining out with Autism Awareness is a community-oriented restaurant offering families impacted by autism the chance to feel more comfortable and enjoy dining out with other families that understand their unique situation in a place that is accommodating to their needs. This free toolkit will give you all of the tools and information you will need to coordinate your own Autism Awareness night, including: sample press release and promotional flyer, tips for promoting the event, benefits to the restaurant, a definition of autism, tips for the restaurant staff, special diet items and tips, and a story about one particular Autism Awareness night. I am asking that you please consider posting our link to this tool on your website, or email this link to your members. I know how successful the Autism Awareness nights have been here in my town, and I really believe that families in your area will value this resource. <http://www.thecouncil.org/community/dining-out-with-autism-awareness-toolkit>

DisabilityInfo.gov - As we approach the 18th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) we would like to bring to your attention some recent developments relating to DisabilityInfo.gov. This Web site is a collaborative effort among 22 federal agencies, developed to provide access to information and resources that enable people with disabilities to fully participate in the workforce and in their communities. DisabilityInfo.gov contains comprehensive information on cross-cutting issue areas including employment, benefits, housing, transportation, health care, education, civil rights and technology. Visit this link to subscribe to DisabilityInfo.gov's quarterly e-newsletter: https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USODEP_221.

****PLEASE NOTE** FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for People with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families –**
The Council has set-aside funding for *BOTH in-state and OUT-OF-STATE travel assistance for the upcoming fiscal year*. A limited amount of funds are available. Guidelines and application forms can be requested from the Council Office or found at the Council's web site. Limited funds are also available for recreation opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Aug 1, 2008	Sioux Falls, The Leadership Secrets of Santa Clause - How to Get Big Things Done in YOUR "Workshop"
Aug 11, 2008	Rapid City – Guardianship, Conservatorship and Trusts!
Aug 13, 2008	Pierre – 4 th Annual SD Grant Writer's Conference
Aug 15-16, 2008	Sioux Falls – 2008 Partnerships with Families Create Success Conference
Aug 18, 2008	Watertown – Guardianship, Conservatorship and Trusts!
Aug 18, 2008	Sioux Falls – Employment, SSI and Medicaid Workshop in 2008
Aug 18, 2008	Sioux Falls – Employment, SSDI and Medicare Workshop in 2008
Aug 19, 2008	Aberdeen – Advanced Session on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security & SSI
Aug 19, 2008	Aberdeen – Benefits and School to Work Transition Workshop in 2008
Aug 19-20, 2008	Sioux Falls – SD Caregiver's Conference: It's What You Need to Know
Aug 20, 2008	Fort Pierre – Employment, SSI and Medicaid Workshop in 2008
Aug 20, 2008	Fort Pierre – Employment, SSDI and Medicare Workshop in 2008
Aug 25, 2008	Yankton – Guardianship, Conservatorship and Trusts!
Aug 26, 2008	Sioux Falls – Guardianship, Conservatorship and Trusts!
Sept 8, 2008	Sioux Falls – Behavior Workshops for K-12
Sept 9, 2008	Aberdeen – Behavior Workshops for K-12
Sept 11, 2008	Spearfish – Behavior Workshops for K-12
Sept 15-16, 2008	Sioux Falls – Fall 2008 Autism Workshop
Sept 17, 2008	Chamberlain – Positive Behavior Management for Pre-School Education
Sept 18, 2008	Aberdeen – Positive Behavior Management for Pre-School Education
Sept 29, 2008	Rapid City – Approaching Difficult Conversations: Managing the Challenges and Opportunities of Collaboration in an Education Context
Sept 30 – Oct 2	Sioux Falls – Focus on Success III Conference (SBVI)
Oct 1, 2008	Pierre - Approaching Difficult Conversations: Managing the Challenges and Opportunities of Collaboration in an Education Context
Oct 2, 2008	Sioux Falls - Approaching Difficult Conversations: Managing the Challenges and Opportunities of Collaboration in an Education Context
Oct 3, 2008	Sioux Falls - Approaching Difficult Conversations: Managing the Challenges and Opportunities of Collaboration in an Education Context
Oct 4, 2008	Sioux Falls – Buddy Walk
Oct 9, 2008	Sioux Falls – Avera Rural Health Conference
Oct 10-11, 2008	Pierre – 2008 SD Association of the Blind Convention
Oct 14-16, 2008	Rapid City – 2008 RehabACTion Fall Conference – "Work's for Me! Empowering Today's Workforce"
Oct 16-18, 2008	Minneapolis, MN – 26 th Annual Closing the Gap Conference
Oct 23, 2008	Sioux Falls – GreenSTAR Symposium 2008

FUTURE ISSUES OF DDC NOTES

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- If you know of others who may be interested, please share this with them or have them contact me to be added to the mailing list.

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